Amendment Act on 11.9.2007 against Md. Umar @ Shahnawaj, Sonu, Mamma @ Md. Ahmad, Rashid, Raju @ Taj Mohammad, Irshad, Sharif and others.

Encephalitis in Uttar Pradesh

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SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimates for the deaths due to encephalitis in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh and the adjoining regions for the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have declared it as an epidemic and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central and the State Governments to contain and mitigate the recurrent outbreak of encephalitis in certain areas?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) Japanese Encephalitis (JE) is an outbreak prone viral infection having cyclic trend with seasonal phenomenon. Children below 15 years are mostly affected. As per the report received from the State health authorities, the number of cases and deaths due to JE in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal during 2005, 2006 and 2007 (till 02-11-07) are as under:

State-wise cases and deaths due to suspected JE

State	2005		2006		2007 (Prov. up to 02.11.2007)	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Uttar Pradesh	6061	1500	2320	528	2445*	472*
Bihar	192	64	21	3	0	0
West Bengal	12	6	0	0	0	0

*Includes 263 cases and 49 deaths from Bihar and 16 cases and 4 deaths from Nepal.

Government has not declared it as an epidemic as the number of deaths is lesser as compared to last year. However, there is a marginal increase in the number of AES/JE cases as compared to 2006 but much less than 2005.

The following steps have been taken by the Central Government to contain and mitigate the recurrent outbreak of JE.

Advisories have been sent alongwith standard guidelines/protocols on AES/JE cases management to the State Government. Rapid Response Teams have been formed at Districts level and have been trained. A Vector Borne Disease Surveillance Unit has also been established at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur with financial support from Government of India for field visits and for strengthening of surveillance activities.

To strengthen the Department of Microbiology in B.R.D. Medical College, Gorakhpur, one Microbiologist and one Lab Technician have been appointed out of Government of India funds.

The essential drugs and disposables for the management of AES/JE cases are being supplied to the State Government.

Preparedness for prevention and control of AES/JE for eastern U.P. is being reviewed regularly under the Chairmanship of Additional Director General and Director, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Government of India.

A JE vaccination campaign to cover at risk children between 1-15 years of age has been launched in a phased manner from 2006. 11 districts in 4 States including 7 districts of Uttar Pradesh and 28 districts in 10 States including 11 districts of Uttar Pradesh have been covered during 2006 and 2007 respectively.

Patient with moderate to high fever with seizure are being classified and reported as AES cases.

Multi-disciplinary Central teams comprising of neurologist, epidemiologist, microbiologist and entomologist have been visiting the districts since August, 2007.

State Government/District Health Authorities are also taking following actions:

- Daily case reporting of AES cases is being continued.
- Treatment of AES cases is provided in the Paediatric Department, of BRD Medical College and district hospital, Gorakhpur.
- AES cases and deaths are verified in the villages.
- Line listing of the cases is being done
- Vector control operations include fogging is being done in surrounding houses of confirmed J.E. cases.
- IEC activities for prophylactic measures and early cases reporting.
- Sero-diagnostics of the samples received from hospitals are being carried out in the Microbiology Department of Gorakhpur Medical College, district hospital, Gorakhpur and other sentinel sites at Sidhartnagar, Basti, Deori, Kushi nagar, Maharajganj and Kheri.
- Follow up of AES cases after getting discharged.

National Food Security Mission

44. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level meeting to review the state of affairs with regard to agriculture which was attended by the Prime Minister and by him has decided to launch the National Food Security Mission to increase productivity and reducing yield gaps;

(b) if so, the concrete measures and steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are fully confident of achieving an additional production of 30 lakh tonnes of rice, 3.5 lakh tonnes of pulses, 5 lakh tonnes of oilseeds and 32 lakhs tonnes of milk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) In view of the stagnating foodgrain production and increasing